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1. IN THE SPECIAL ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON JULY 16, UN UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL VAN LAETHEM PRESENTED A POSITIVE AND OPTIMISTIC REPORT ON CIEC, INCLUDING THE MEETING OF HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS, AND ON THE UN AGENCIES' CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARIS CONFERENCE. HE GAVE CIEC CREDIT FOR HELPING PREPARE THE GROUND FOR UNCTAD IV AND IFAD; FOR THE DIALOGUE ON ENERGY WHICH COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT ELSEWHERE; AND GENERALLY FOR PROMOTING MEANINGFUL NORTH-SOUTH EXCHANGES OF VIEW. HE TOOK A HOPEFUL VIEW OF THE ACTION-ORIENTED PHASE, BUT (AS DID SEVERAL OTHER SPEAKERS) RECOGNIZED THAT THE ACID TEST IS YET TO COME.

2. IN THE SUBSEQUENT QUESTION PERIOD, THE NIGERIAN DELEGATE ASKED POINTEDLY WHAT UN REPRESENTATIVES IN CIEC WERE DOING TO MONITOR CLOSELY THE IRB PROPOSAL WHICH HAD PROVED "SO CONTROVERSIAL" AT NAIROBI. VAN LAETHEM RESPONDED HELPFULLY FROM THE US STANDPOINT THAT CIEC WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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INDEED EXAMINING THE IRB PROPOSAL IN A SLIGHTLY REVISED

FORM; THAT HE PERSONALLY CONSIDERED IT AN INTERESTING
NEW APPROACH; AND THAT IT PRESENTS A POSSIBLE ANSWER TO
THE EVIDENT NEED TO FACILITATE INVESTMENT IN LDC
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